

THE ALUMNI BANQUET

Elaborate Preparations for the Annual Gathering To-Morrow Evening.

TO OCCUR AT THE JEFFERSON.

A Company of 150 or More to Be Present—Prof. Kent, Mr. Robert M. Hughes, and Dr. Hodges Among the Speakers.

The Richmond Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia will hold their annual banquet to-morrow evening, when those who still hold dear the memory of the days spent within the halls of their Alma Mater will once more gather around the festive board together, and forget for a few hours their business cares, as the face of some alumnus calls to mind the days when they were freshmen and sported upon the campus of the "Varsity."

The banquet this year will probably eclipse all former efforts of the chapter in this direction, and the affair will take place in the beautiful dining halls of the Jefferson Hotel. It is expected that, with the invited guests, 100 persons will be present, and covers will be laid for that number. The Jefferson Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST.
The recent destruction of the University buildings by fire makes this banquet of peculiar interest, and no doubt many touching allusions will be made during the evening to the sad catastrophe which befell the noble and venerable institution of learning, and which stirred the hearts of every Virginian, whether an alumnus of the University or not.

Toasts will be responded to by Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, president of the Virginia State Bar Association; Dr. J. Allison Hodges, of this city; Professor Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, and probably Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia. The toasts will not be announced until the evening of the banquet. Senator Faulkner has been invited to attend by a personal friend of his in this city, who thinks the Senator will certainly come.

Among the specially invited guests will be the Board of Visitors of the University.

THE ARRANGEMENTS.

Of course, the banquet itself will be an elegant one in every respect, and will commence at 8:30 o'clock. The first of the three dining halls of the Jefferson will be used as a reception-room, in which will be placed a large bowl of mint julep, the serving of which on this occasion has been a custom for years. The banquet will be spread in the two other dining halls, the centre one to be occupied by those who will speak or respond to toasts. At the conclusion of the banquet, the alumnus will take seats in the centre room, when the wine and cigars will be served, and the speeches made. Judge James C. Lamb, president of the association, will act as toastmaster.

The following are the officers of the association and the committees in charge of the banquet: President, Judge James C. Lamb; First Vice-President, B. Rand. Wolford; Second Vice-President, J. R. V. Dantoli; Secretary and Treasurer, John B. Hunter, Jr.

Invitation Committee—Messrs. Allan Potts (chairman), Kirkwood Mitchell, E. O. Nolting, S. L. Kelley, and Samuel H. Pulliam.

Invitation Committee—Dr. C. W. P. Brock (chairman), John L. Williams, John P. McGuire, and W. Gordon McCabe.

SOME WHO WILL ATTEND.

Among those who will be present are the following: James E. Cannon, Edwin P. Cox, W. O. Nolting, Rev. T. Crump, John B. Minor, F. L. L. Davidson, S. M. Kelly, W. B. Tennant, Robert H. Randolph, George K. Sims, L. M. Williams, John S. Williams, E. R. Williams, John L. Williams, J. R. V. Daniel, Kirk Mitchell, Edward P. Valentine, George L. Christian, J. J. Leake, J. F. B. Jurgens, Carl H. Nolting, John P. McGuire, Jr., J. Murray Dill, John G. Collins, Alexander Cameron, William Cameron, Thomas N. Carter, George W. Anderson, Chas. V. Carrington, Dr. R. F. Williams, Marion L. Dawson, John Hunter, Jr., Benjamin H. Berry, Dr. C. W. P. Brock, George Anselm, B. Rand. Wolford, Frank W. Christian, T. C. Gordon, Dr. George Ross, Arthur M. Seddon, Wm. A. Townes, T. Kirk Parish, D. A. M. Wolford, Dr. Wm. R. Jones, Dr. John Dunn, Dr. E. O. Booth, J. W. Robertson, James C. Lamb, John T. Hughes, Dr. Paulus Irvine, Dr. Thos. J. Moore, W. Gordon McCabe, Dr. G. B. Johnston, A. L. Boulware, A. B. Blair, E. B. Johnson, S. D. Crenshaw, A. R. Dickinson, L. R. Warren, Thos. A. Bruce, Geo. K. Lee, Chas. Stringfellow, W. H. Blair, J. W. Kelly, E. J. Willis, G. A. Breaux, Leigh R. Page, O. W. Wendenburg, Wallace F. Brown, R. A. Johnson, T. Taylor Ellison, A. B. Gulson, H. M. Smith, Jr., Arch. Anderson, Jr., J. R. Anderson, Powhatan Ellis, Wyndham Meredith, E. C. Minor, Marshall M. Gilliam.

SIDE-TRACKED, TO-NIGHT'S BILL.

To-morrow Evening Emily Bancker Appears in Our Flat-Crane.

"Side-Track," a droll comedy-drama of tramp-life, will be at the Academy of Music this evening. The misadventures of a tramp and the numerous comical incidents connected with them give the drama its impetus.

The company is described as being capable of giving the play a good rendition.

Fretty Emily Bancker will return to the Academy of Music to-morrow evening and Saturday matinee and evening, after an absence of one month, in her new comedy success, "Our Flat."

The story told is a pretty one, and one that will appeal to the audience, as it is bright and piquant, and filled with all manner of bright and funny situations. The music and singing are all new and pleasing. Miss Bancker is supported by a large company of comedians.

The coming engagement of William H. Crane, at the Academy of Music, for four nights and a matinee, commencing next Wednesday evening, will be the last brilliant engagement of the season.

Mr. Crane will appear in the following plays during his stay here: Wednesday and Saturday evenings, "The Governor of Kentucky"; Thursday evening and Saturday matinee, "His Wife's Father"; and Friday evening a superb revival of "The Senator." Mr. Crane brings his New York company with him.

JOINT ORATORS' CONTEST.

An Attractive Programme to Be Presented at the College.

The joint orators' contest of the Ma Sigma Rho, and Phi Kappa Phi literary societies will be held in the college chapel at 7:30 this evening. Music will be furnished by the Norwegian Mandolin Club.

The following is the programme: Prayer, welcome, A. J. Hall, president of Phi Kappa Phi; "Napoleon," C. G. McDaniels; "Athens, the Eye of Greece," the Mother of Arts and Eloquence, W. E. Gibson; music; "The Ideal American," Woodwell Jackson, N. J. Allen; "Our Ancestral Dead," E. C. Folkes; music; "Shakespeare's Patriot," J. H. Binford; "The Influence of a Great Man," E. H.

McKewen; music; decision of judges; "Good Night," H. M. Fugate, president Ma Sigma Rho.

The Committee of Arrangements consists of Messrs. F. S. Ligon (chairman), C. T. Williamson, C. E. Taylor, W. D. Evans, and W. L. Prince.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Ice Mission.

The spell of hot weather, which has been with us several days brings to mind the fact that our people must again remember the poor who suffer in sickness for the want of a "cup of cold water." Some faithful little friends, who were valuable contributors last year, have already been at work, and have sent in \$25 to the Ice Mission, as the fruits of "a show we have given." These dear little girls live on south Third and south Fourth streets, but do not like to have their names published. Surely, to these little ones will be given the blessing promised to those who "give a cup of cold water in My name."

Another Holy Spirit Convention.

It has been definitely determined to hold another Holy Spirit convention here this year, and May 10th has been selected as the date upon which the convention is to meet.

Up to the present time arrangements have not been completed, but it is said that the meetings will be held in a large tent.

Detective Charles A. Gibson has a handsome pair of gold-mounted glasses which he took from a thief and holds to await identification by their owner.

Is your body fire-proof?

Speaking of infectious diseases, Dr. E. Brown says: "We ought to learn to keep our bodies invulnerable to contagion as a fire-proof building is impervious to fire; that is, we should be able to resist such moderate quantities of disease germs as we necessarily encounter through life." Each man and woman and child should fortify their own body by healthy living, that the soil for the growth of germs be not available. Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil strengthens the barriers that Nature raises against all intruders by giving the system the resistive force needed to throw off disease.

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INSURANCE STATEMENT.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.)

UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Manager—E. F. BEDDALL, Organized or Incorporated—1845. Commenced Business in the United States—1851.

II.—ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned by the company	\$1,756,156.24
Loans on mortgage (fully secured and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due	251,000.00
Interest due on all said mortgage loans, interest accrued on all said mortgage loans	1,234.99
Value of land mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and other improvements. Value of the buildings mortgaged (insured for \$204,000 as collateral). Total value of said mortgages and premises (carried inside)	\$42,500.00
ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF OTHER STATES, AND OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.	
ACCOUNT OF BONDS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY, AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1895.	
United States 4 per cent. registered bonds, 1907	\$375,000.00
United States 4 per cent. registered bonds, 1925	550,000.00
Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company 6 per cent. bonds, 1906	350,000.00
Brooklyn and Montauk Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1911	25,000.00
Central railroad of New Jersey 5 per cent. bonds, 1897	200,000.00
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1903	60,000.00
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company Consolidated 7 per cent. bonds, 1906	62,000.00
Chicago and North Western Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1915	100,000.00
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1917	100,000.00
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1906	100,000.00
Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company 4 1/2 per cent. bonds, 1912	100,000.00
Delaware and Hudson Canal Company (Pennsylvania Division) 7 per cent. bonds, 1917	40,000.00
Illinois Central Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1901	100,000.00
Illinois Central Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1902	23,000.00
Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1907	30,000.00
Michigan Central Railroad Company (Detroit and Bay City) 5 per cent. bonds, 1901	62,000.00
Michigan Central Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1902	8,000.00
Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company (C. and M. Division) 7 per cent. bonds, 1903	100,000.00
Morris and Essex Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1914	15,000.00
New York and Hudson River Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1903	100,000.00
New York, Chicago and Louisville Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1917	100,000.00
New York and Harlem Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1900	110,000.00
New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company 6 per cent. bonds, 1901	100,000.00
Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1901	5,000.00
Pennsylvania Railroad Company Real Estate Purchase Money 4 per cent. bonds, 1902	25,000.00
Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1911	14,000.00
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1912	100,000.00
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad Company 5 per cent. bonds, 1902	25,000.00
St. Paul (Minneapolis and Duluth) Railroad Company (Dakota Extension) 6 per cent. bonds, 1910	75,000.00
Syracuse, Binghamton and Albany Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, 1906	50,000.00
United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1910	200,000.00
United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1914	100,000.00
West Shore Railroad Company 4 per cent. bonds, 1901	100,000.00
Winona and St. Peter Railroad Company (guaranteed by Chicago and North Western) 6 per cent. bonds, 1907	35,000.00

III.—LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due	\$5,419.05
Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses	518,435.45
Losses resisted, including interest, costs, and other expenses thereon	73,562.96
Total gross amount of claims for losses	\$551,425.47
Deduct reinsurance thereon	146,578.70
Net amount of unpaid losses	\$404,846.77
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual fire risks	\$3,650,928.85
Unearned premiums (50 per cent.)	\$1,825,464.43
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running more than one year from date of policy, including interest premiums (pro rata)	2,344,670.69
Total unearned premiums as computed above (carried out)	4,065,935.12
Amount receivable by the insured on perpetual fire-insurance policies, being 90 and 95 per cent. of the premium of deposit received	217,623.61
Net premium reserve and all other liabilities, except capital, under the life-insurance department	116,530.00
Due and accrued for salaries, rent, advertising, and for agency and other miscellaneous expenses	5,639.11
All other demands against the company, absolute and contingent, due and to become due, admitted and contested—viz., State, city, county, or other taxes and assessments, \$15,646.91; commissions, brokerage, and other charges due and to become due to agents and brokers, on premiums paid and in course of collection, \$117,783.81; return premiums, \$23,445; reinsurance, \$170,295.73	271,169.67
United States liabilities of Queen Insurance Company, Liverpool, England, assumed by this under insurance, dated November 11, 1892	5,000.00
Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus	\$5,249,766.23
Surplus beyond all liabilities	\$2,111,715.83

IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year	\$67,273.83
Deduct amount of same not collected	27,755.50
Net collected	\$39,518.33
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year	\$4,454,569.79
Total	\$4,494,088.12
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at date	\$3,877,523.68
Net premiums collected during the year	\$616,564.44

INSURANCE STATEMENT—Continued.

Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement, and return premiums	\$1,583,983.68
Net cash actually received for premiums (carried out)	\$4,775,372.96
Received for interest on mortgages	15,367.60
Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, and from all other sources	158,964.63
Income received from all other sources—viz., rents	93,826.92
Deposit premiums (less 5 per cent.) received for perpetual fire risks (carried inside)	\$36,444.85
Received from home office during the year	7,335.30
AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS ACTUALLY RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR IN CASH	\$5,137,551.57

V.—DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$635,923.85 losses occurring in previous years)	\$3,020,482.87
Deduct all amounts actually received for salvage (whether on losses of the last or previous years)	\$20,462.97
Amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, \$282,213.28. Total deduction	302,625.25
Net amount paid during the year for losses	\$2,738,020.72
Paid for commission or brokerage	\$41,284.11
Paid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employees	\$24,178.90
Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States	\$24,151.17
All other payments and expenditures—rents, printing, stationery, advertising, traveling, legal, and all other expenses	\$25,566.69
Amount of deposit premium returned during the year on perpetual fire risk (carried inside)	\$3,219.59
Remitted home office during the year	\$77,447.39
AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR, IN CASH	\$4,269,042.49

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

Fire risks written	\$4,342,094.00
Premiums received	\$5,071.52
Losses paid	12,200.01
Losses incurred	12,515.01
(Signed) E. F. BEDDALL, Manager.	

State of New York, county of New York—ss:

I, [Seal] Subscribed and sworn to January 25, 1896, before EDWARD HARVEY, Notary Public.

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Manifest closed one hour before sailing time.

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For further information apply to JOHN F. MAYER, Attorney, 1215 East Main street, Richmond, Va.

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